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ENGLISH I

Item Sampler



Tennessee End of Course Assessment

English I Form 6

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Introduction to English I

Content of tests

The testing program titled the *Tennessee End of Course Assessment* was established to meet the Tennessee mandate for end of course assessments in Tennessee secondary schools. These tests measure the Tennessee State Performance Indicators. Subject areas covered by the end of course assessments include Mathematics, Language Arts, History, and Science.

Test development

For the *Tennessee End of Course Assessment*, a staff of writers – composed of both teachers and professional test developers experienced in each of the content areas – researched and wrote the items. Professional editors and content specialists carefully reviewed all items and test directions for content and accuracy. To provide a large pool of items for final test selection, the test developers created approximately twice as many items as were needed in the final editions of the tests.

After tryout tests were administered, student responses were analyzed. Professional content editors and researchers carefully reviewed items, their data, and test directions for content, suitability, and accuracy before including particular items and test directions in operational tests.

Test administration

Tennessee End of Course Assessments are given to students as they near the end of courses that are included in the program. Tests may be given midyear for block schedules or at the end of the school year.

You will have ample time to read and answer each of the questions. The English I test has been designed to be administered in one session and is not timed.* The first 15 minutes are set aside to complete identifying data on the answer sheet.

I* The English I test formerly featured a 110-minute time limit.

Tips for Taking the Test

Preparing for the test

- Review this Tennessee End of Course Item Sampler for English II carefully and thoroughly.
- Acquire the ELSA Tennessee End of Course Practice Test for English II, and take the test several times.
- Become familiar with the correct way to mark answers on the answer sheet. There is a sample answer sheet in this Practice Test.

Before the test

- Get a good night's sleep. To do your best, you need to be rested.

During the test

- Relax. It is normal to be somewhat nervous before the test. Try to relax and not worry.
- Listen. Listen to and read the test directions carefully. Ask for an explanation of the directions if you do not understand them.
- Plan your time. Do not spend too much time on any one question. If a question seems to take too long, skip it and return to it later. First answer all questions that you are sure about.
- Think. If you are not sure how to answer a question, read it again and try your best to answer the question. Rule out answer choices that you know are incorrect and choose from those that remain.

Directions for Using the Item Sampler

This Item Sampler for English I provides specific information to students and teachers. It contains examples of different item types for each Performance Indicator that may be tested in any given end of course test administration. Performance Indicators have been grouped by Reporting Categories. These Reporting Categories will be used to report information regarding performance on the end of course test to students, teachers, schools, and systems.

The items in this Item Sampler will not be found in the end of course tests. The number of items in this Item Sampler does not reflect the emphasis of content on the test. In order to identify the emphasis of content, the End of Course Assessment Practice Test English I should be used. The Practice Test gives a better representation of content emphasis across Reporting Categories and Performance Indicators.

An Answer Key is located in Page 65. Use it to check your answers. Review items that you get wrong.

Read the speech and answer questions 18 through 24.

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Read this excerpt from Paragraph 2 of the speech.

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confrontations with others. For instance, teens confessed they sent texts to ask permission from a parent to attend a certain movie rather than risk direct disapproval. Sherry Turkle, Massachusetts Institute of Technology social studies and technology professor, agrees that texting allows teens to avoid uncomfortable face-to-face encounters. Because a person could refuse them or be upset, teens send a text to lessen the impact. However, as a result, teens miss out on valuable experiences, such as becoming adept with the give-and-take of conversation. Is that wise? Will it help teens learn to deal with people in authority? With their teachers? With their future employers?

- 4 Many people point out that texting benefits teens by allowing them to contact others whenever necessary. Unfortunately, that means texting continues into the late-night hours, robbing teens of sleep. One Belgian study found that 21 percent of their teens disrupted their sleep up to three times a month to answer late-night text messages. Twelve percent answered late calls every other night or nightly. This practice can have a serious cost. Sleep deprivation causes anxiety, moodiness, depression, and memory problems. Without late-night texting, teens will get their required sleep.
- 5 Some teens feel that texting permits them to have more freedom to come and go, since their parents can easily get in touch with them. However, constant texting may actually diminish a teen's independence. Ten years ago, teens made countless decisions based on their own judgment. However, teens today often text their friends before making even a small choice. They ask simple questions like "What hat should I wear?" or "What book should I read?" Continually depending on another person's advice does not foster self-reliance; it undermines a person's confidence.

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- 6 Last of all, new scientific studies show that texting may affect how the brain works. Researchers at the University of California examined how our minds remember information. They discovered that too much information makes it difficult for the mind to ignore what is irrelevant. Because of this, people who multitask are not able to pay attention as well as those who focus on one chore at a time. Chronic multitaskers are also less able to control their memory and to switch duties. When teens are constantly reading texts as they navigate through their day, their brains must multitask. Over time, such habits lessen a person's ability to concentrate on one task.
- 7 Regardless of the possible consequences, texting continues to increase, especially as more companies offer unlimited texting plans. However, is the convenience and popularity of texting worth the sacrifice of other important, valued skills? With determined effort, teens can counteract the negative effects and strive for a better balance. Though difficult, limiting the unlimited will improve all of a teen's communication connections.

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Which sentence from the speech best shows the speaker's bias against text messaging?

- ☐ **A** Students who used cell phones wrote much less when asked to describe a picture than those who did not use cell phones.
- ☐ **B** Others may say texting offers the opportunity for more social interactions; however, social skills suffer, especially the ability to handle conflict.
- ☐ **C** Many people point out that texting benefits teens by allowing them to contact others whenever necessary.
- ☐ **D** Some teens feel that texting permits them to have more freedom to come and go, since their parents can easily get in touch with them.



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Which statement from the speech is a false premise?

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- ☐ **B** The Pew Research Center reports that 64 percent of teens admit they have used improper texting language in schoolwork.
- ☐ **C** Sleep deprivation causes anxiety, moodiness, depression, and memory problems.
- ☐ **D** Without late-night texting, teens will get their required sleep.



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Which statement is the weakest argument for "Limiting the Unlimited"?

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- ☐ **B** Teens in Pew focus groups admitted that they used texting to avoid confrontations with others.
- ☐ **C** However, teens today often text their friends before making even a small choice.
- ☐ **D** Last of all, new scientific studies show that texting may affect how the brain works.



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Which sentence is the thesis statement of the speech?

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Which option best describes the structure of this speech?

- ☐ A compare–contrast
- ☐ B chronological order
- ☐ C proposition–support
- ☐ D order of importance



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Read this excerpt from Paragraph 3 of the speech.

Is that wise? Will it help teens learn to deal with people in authority? With their teachers? With their future employers?

In these sentences, the speaker uses rhetorical questions and

- ☐ **A** analogies.
- ☐ **B** repetition.
- ☐ **C** hyperbole.
- ☐ **D** understatement.



Read the editorial for a school district's newspaper and answer questions 1 through 7.

Take the Plunge

Last month, our school district conducted a market study to project student growth for the next few years. The study found that we would experience a 25 percent increase in student population. In response to this expected growth, I believe that our high school would benefit greatly by adjusting our curriculum to include online courses.

Offering core high school classes online is an emerging trend across the United States. As an English teacher in the district, I have witnessed firsthand the disadvantages to having too many students in core classes. Increased class sizes make it extremely difficult to meet the needs of individual students. Online courses would allow fewer students to be on campus during regular school hours. Instead, some students would complete their lessons from their homes, allowing them to focus on studying without classroom distractions.

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In which mode is the editorial written?

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Not only would online courses save our district money, but they would also save our students time. Many high school students have overloaded schedules. Taking courses online would allow students to manage their own timelines for completing course work. Since many high school students hold jobs, online courses would provide more flexibility with the number of days and hours they work each week. For example, a student could attend classes on campus in the morning and then take the rest of his or her classes online, allowing for a part-time job in the afternoon. Employers would employ more students if they had flexible schedules.

Online courses also allow students to tailor their classes to meet individual needs. For example, students moving into the district who missed a lower-level course in a particular subject area could catch up to their peers when needed. In addition, students could choose courses in specific content areas to prepare them for college. Our district could even cooperate with the local university to offer college credit for some of the upper-level online courses.

Finally, online courses foster further use of the Internet to enhance student learning. Students could use the Web to locate resources in every area of study. For instance, art courses can include links to museums, galleries, and other Web sites featuring specific eras or artists. History classes can link students to videos of historical events, such as presidential inaugural speeches or tours of historical buildings.

In light of the recent market study, I certainly feel that the district should at least consider the idea of using online courses for our school. With the increasing student population and the necessity for computer skills in everyday life and work, online courses would allow our students, our district, and our community to take the plunge into a new era of educational technology.

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Which of the following is a summary, not a paraphrase, of the paragraph?

- ☐ **A** Offering textbooks online could save money for our schools. The district would not need to purchase new textbooks, even if the district grows.
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- ☐ **C** Online courses could allow our district to save money. Fewer textbooks would be purchased if the books were available to use online. Both students in the classroom and students enrolled in online courses would use the online textbooks. This would save money even if the district grows.
- ☐ **D** Providing courses online could help save money for our schools. If students could view their textbooks online, the district would not have to buy more textbooks. If more students move to the district, they would be able to use the online textbooks. The district would not have to buy new ones.

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Which sentence from the editorial best reveals the author's attitude about the benefits of offering online courses to high school students?

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For which audience is the editorial most likely written?

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(1) In addition, students could choose courses in specific content areas to prepare them for college. (2) For example, students moving into the district who missed a lower-level course in a particular subject area could catch up to their peers when needed.

(3) Our district could even cooperate with the local university to offer college credit for some of the upper-level online courses. (4) Online courses also allow students to tailor their classes to meet individual needs.

Choose the best order for these sentences.

- ☐ A 1, 3, 4, 2
- ☐ B 2, 4, 3, 1
- ☐ C 3, 4, 2, 1
- ☐ D 4, 2, 1, 3



Read these sentences.

My parents went out for the evening. I had to babysit my younger siblings.

Which revision shows the best way to combine the sentences?

- ☐ **A** Although I had to babysit my younger siblings, my parents went out for the evening.
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Which sentence shows correct subject-verb agreement?

- ☐ **A** Everyone who went to the carnival lay sleeping in the car.
- ☐ **B** She was a good swimmer but had not swam the river before.
- ☐ **C** The cats that she found in the park have drunken all of the milk.
- ☐ **D** The lanterns that hanged from the dock shone light on the boat.

How does a critique differ from a summary?

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Which strategy would best help a leader work productively with a team?

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- ☐ **C** Listen to various points of view.
- ☐ **D** Assign tasks to reliable members.

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- 5 "Let's see here," she said in the clipped tones that often sent people heading for the nearest exit. "I suppose you are my three o'clock interview."
- 6 "Yes, ma'am," replied the girl, and although she was clearly nervous, Claudette appreciated the fact that the girl looked her directly in the eyes when she answered.
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It Is the Little Things that Matter Most

Looking back, how could I have known that my life would change with one decision? Although I have heard it said many times before, in this case it was certainly true; sometimes it is the little things that matter most.

My father's garage was a haven for me when I was growing up—we used to plug in the radio and listen to the oldies station while Dad shared his passion for woodwork. I learned so much more from him than how to sand wood properly or to handle a saw. Dad taught me to be responsible, to be honest, and to pass on a job if it could not be completed on time. If Dad scheduled a meeting to discuss a project with a client, he always arrived ten minutes early.

"Always better to be too early than too late," Dad said knowingly. "Remember that, Clara. People will respect you for it."

Any time Dad needed supplies, he picks them up at Hokum Hardware. I never understood why. Everyone knew old Mrs. Hokum was gruff and unfriendly. Why not shop at the new hardware store across town? Dad said there was just something about Hokum's Hardware that made him feel he was in the right place.

One day, as I was walking in to Hokum's, a sign taped to the front door caught my eye.

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HELP WANTED

**Young person with strong back preferred.
Schedule an interview with Janet Hokum.**

As we stepped inside the store, Dad gave me a nudge. "This might be right up your alley."

I looked at him doubtfully. "What do you think it will be like to work for Mrs. Hokum?"

Dad thought it over. "If you show up on time and do the job, then I think you will be surprised how well the two of you will get along."

Dad had no idea how prophetic his words were. What began as a part-time job led to a manager's position. Ten years later Mrs. Hokum retired, leaving me to run the store full time, and I have continued to do so ever since.

Sometimes people ask me what it is like to run a hardware store. I usually shrug, thinking that the smell of this place reminds me of Dad's garage. I tell them that, to me, there is something about Hokum's Hardware that just feels right.

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Which literary element is contained in the excerpt?

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- ☐ B allegory
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Dad taught me to be responsible, to be honest, and to pass on a job if it could not be completed on time.

Which sentence has parallel construction like the sentence from the passage?

- ☐ **A** In order to work in the library, students must agree to work quietly, swiftly, and efficiently.
- ☐ **B** Birds have been known to make nests from twigs, twine, or any other pliable material they may find.
- ☐ **C** Josephine claims the secret to growing iris bulbs is to plant them shallowly, to water them thoroughly, and to fertilize them once a month.
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Which is the best statement of a theme shared by the memoir and the short story?

- ☐ A Taking risks will pay off eventually.
- ☐ B Working hard builds a strong character.
- ☐ C Finding reliable employees is challenging.
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If “The Search” and “It Is the Little Things that Matter Most” were set in a modern department store, which aspect of the plot would be affected?

- ☐ A Claudette’s need to hire an employee
- ☐ B the work ethic required by Claudette
- ☐ C the background of the characters
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- ☐ A The short story is longer than the memoir.
- ☐ B The memoir has more detail than the short story.
- ☐ C The memoir is more personal than the short story.
- ☐ D The short story has fewer characters than the memoir.

Which word best completes the analogy?

Contemporary is to ancient as _____ is to sorrow.

- ☐ **A** grief
- ☐ **B** bliss
- ☐ **C** guilt
- ☐ **D** woe

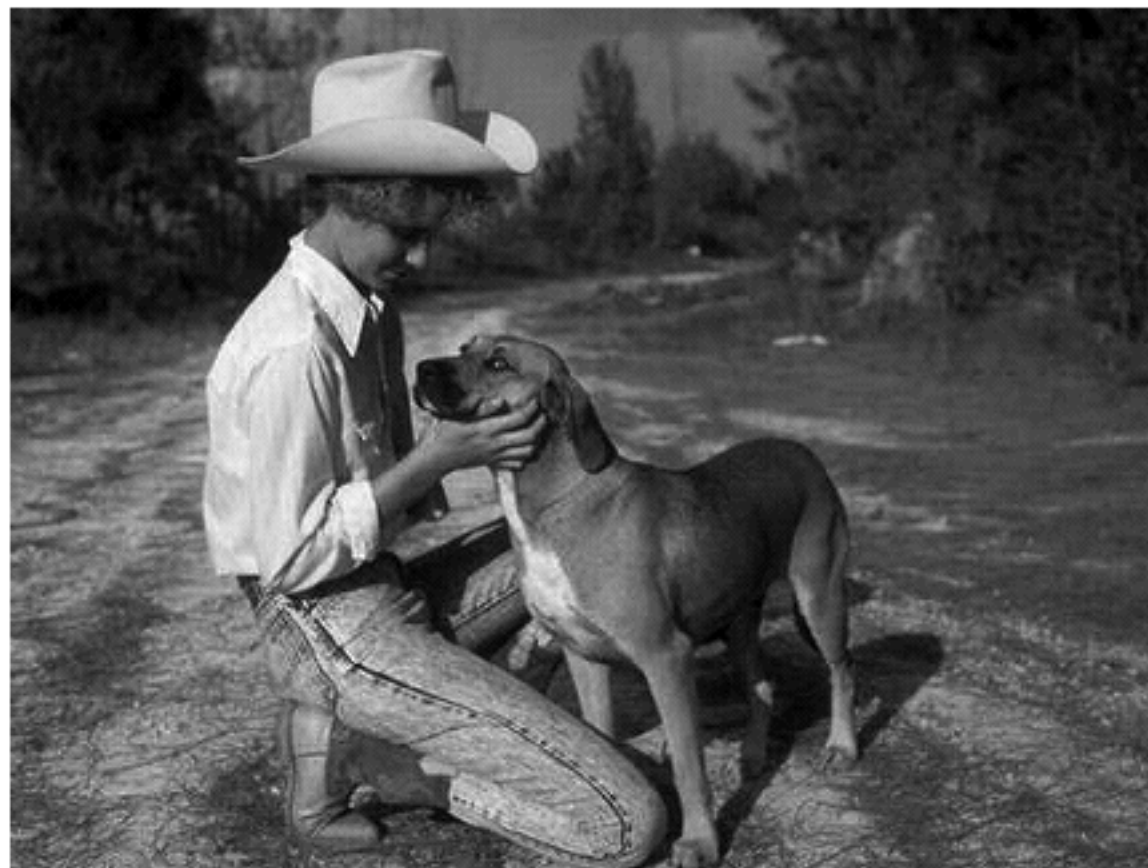
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If you are eating fast food, then you are eating your way to an early grave. Studies have shown that people who eat fast food die an average of ten to fifteen years earlier than those who eat food cooked at home. Are you willing to take that risk for a cheeseburger?

On which logical fallacy is the argument based?

- ☐ **A** appeal to emotion
- ☐ **B** false dilemma
- ☐ **C** appeal to fear
- ☐ **D** false analogy

Look at the photo.



What mood can be inferred from the photo?

- ☐ **A** affectionate
- ☐ **B** distracted
- ☐ **C** indifferent
- ☐ **D** sympathetic

Read this paragraph.

After reading the article "How to Improve Your Diet," I suddenly became aware of all of the unhealthy choices I make. For example, the article said that you should always pack your lunch, but I always buy lunch when I am away from home. The article also stated, "It is important to split the portions on your plate in half to avoid overeating." Yet, I usually leave the restaurant overly full. You should reexamine your eating habits if you want to lead a healthier lifestyle.

In which mode is the paragraph written?

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- ☐ **B** description
- ☐ **C** exposition
- ☐ **D** narration

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What is the best way to punctuate this sentence?

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Read the paragraph.

The shoes were the most beautiful shoes I had ever seen. I walked by the window day after day just to stare at them. I worked babysitting jobs, lifeguarding jobs, and lawn jobs to save enough money to purchase the shoes. Sadly, when I could finally afford to buy them, the price had increased.

The paragraph uses which literary element?

- ☐ **A** flashback
- ☐ **B** allegory
- ☐ **C** parody
- ☐ **D** irony

To maintain an audience's attention during an oral report, the speaker should

- ☐ **A** make eye contact.
- ☐ **B** read the notes carefully.
- ☐ **C** keep an even tone of voice.
- ☐ **D** eliminate visual distractions.

Look at the photo.



What is the primary conflict in the photo?

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- ☐ **B** person vs. nature
- ☐ **C** person vs. person
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What is the best order for Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of "Fire and Ice"?

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- ☐ B 2, 3, 1
- ☐ C 3, 1, 2
- ☐ D no change



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Read this sentence from "Living in Iceland."

So next time you want to see an exciting, unique country, say goodbye and book a vacation to the North Atlantic.

Which expression is a correct replacement for goodbye as it is used in the sentence?

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- ☐ B *tabula rasa*
- ☐ C *bon voyage*
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- ☐ **A** to persuade readers to live in the country of Iceland
- ☐ **B** to compare living in Iceland to living in the United States
- ☐ **C** to entertain readers with a story about swimming in Iceland
- ☐ **D** to inform readers about weather in Iceland and the United States



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According to the information presented in "Living in Iceland," what causes outdoor swimming pools to be usable year-round?

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- ☐ B The island has a large number of pools.
- ☐ C The water from the ocean is warm.
- ☐ D The climate of the island is mild.



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Read this Web page.

How to Name Your Child in Iceland

Use this handy Web page to help you select the perfect name for your baby.

New names are welcomed by the government in the country of Iceland. No approval is needed.

Common Icelandic first names are derived from trees, birds, mammals, or warriors. First, click on one of the following links to view a list of names associated with each category.

Trees

Birds

Mammals

Warriors

If after viewing the multitude of suggested names on this Web site you still cannot find a name that is meaningful to your family, feel free to make up your own first name.

Once you have found a first name that is meaningful to your family you are ready to move on to your baby's second name.

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If you have a girl, take the father's first name and add the suffix "dottir"

If you have a boy, take the father's first name and add the suffix "son"

If a father's name is Thom, two siblings would have different second names. The daughter's second name would be Thomsdottir and the son's second name would be Thomsson.

Now the naming of your baby is complete.

Which idea from the Web page contradicts information given in the passage "Living in Iceland"?

- ☐ **A** Specific suffixes are used when naming babies in Iceland.
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- ☐ A People living in the United States experience all types of weather patterns.
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- ☐ C The education system in Iceland is ranked as one of the best in the world.
- ☐ D Another curious fact about schools in Iceland is that every student is taught to swim.



Read this excerpt from a short story.

Eduardo strode confidently into the classroom on Monday morning, proud of all he had accomplished over the weekend. Eduardo was notorious for waiting until the day before a project was due to start working on it. He always spent the night before the due date scrambling to throw something together. After the last miserable all-night experience, Eduardo promised himself that the next project would be different...and it was.

Eduardo began on Friday, planning what he wanted to accomplish over the weekend. On Saturday, he gathered his sources and sketched out an outline. He also started working on a poster board filled with photographs and information. He worked steadily all weekend, enjoying the fact that he could do so without rushing, and by Sunday afternoon, he was finished.

Now, he grinned broadly as he approached Mr. Koffman's desk.

"I did it, Mr. Koffman! I finished the project with time to spare!"

Mr. Koffman looked puzzled at first, then amused. "I'd say so," he said with a smile. "The projects are not due until *next* Monday!"

This excerpt is an example of which type of irony?

- ☐ **A** verbal
- ☐ **B** dramatic
- ☐ **C** situational
- ☐ **D** no irony

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Elijah sat on the bench as the noise of the city league basketball game swelled around him. Wiping the sweat from his face, he pulled a mouthful of water from his sport bottle and enjoyed the much-needed break from the fast-paced game.

Hearing the familiar voice of his coach barking orders to the players on the court, he smiled as he watched her work. He remembered how surprised he had been when he met Coach Carey. He was not sure what he expected, but he knew the petite, white-haired woman was not it. Yet, what Coach lacked in size she made up for with attitude. She led the team of high school kids with a firm hand and spent every practice running them through various drills and teaching them new techniques. Any doubts Elijah had about Coach Carey's ability to control a bunch of rowdy players disappeared after the team's first practice when she worked them to the point of exhaustion.

The author reveals the character of Coach Carey through

- ☐ **A** Coach Carey's actions.
- ☐ **B** Coach Carey's physical appearance.
- ☐ **C** the narrator's description of the game.
- ☐ **D** the narrator's thoughts about Coach Carey.

Read the news article and journal entry.

The Daily Examiner
January 4, 2009

Another shipwreck occurred off the coast of Africa last week. Sailors should take precautions when sailing around Africa's horn. Storms develop quickly during monsoon season where the warm waters of the Indian Ocean meet the Red Sea. Several countries formed a group to patrol the waters of the Indian Ocean to gather information about the storms.

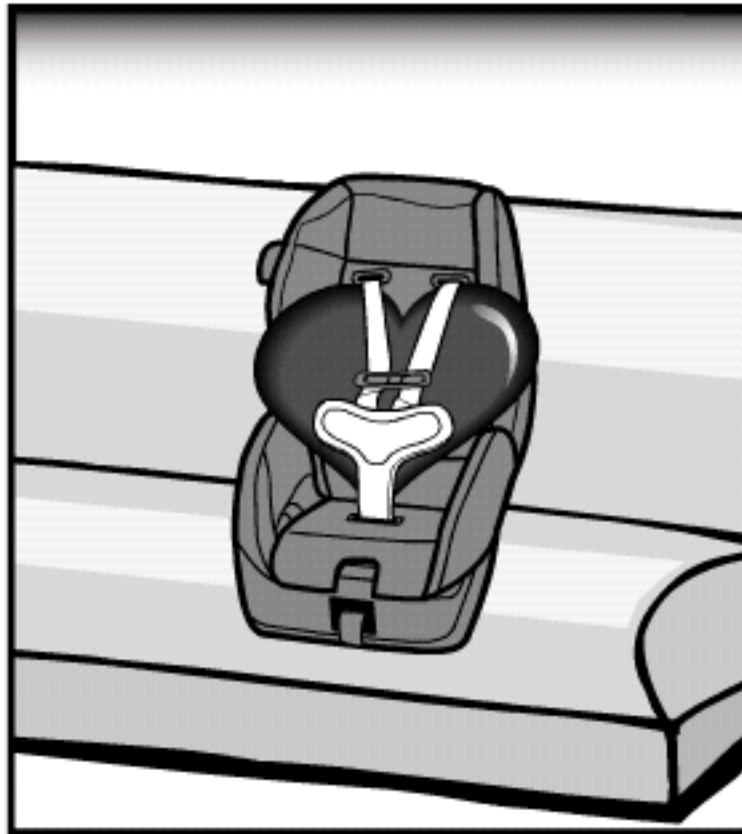
Journal Entry
September 17, 1790

The seas have been rough and difficult to navigate as of late. The hurricanes and tropical storms rage in the Caribbean and Atlantic. We lost the mast on the ship because of the severity of the storms. We keep our eyes on the horizon, searching for ominous clouds that might signal another storm.

What is the common theme in the news article and the journal entry?

- ☐ **A** Monsoons are common.
- ☐ **B** Ships sink during storms.
- ☐ **C** Weather can change quickly.
- ☐ **D** Safety patrols are important.

Look at the illustration used in a car manufacturer's advertisement.



What message does the image convey?

- ☐ **A** Children love this car model.
- ☐ **B** A child's safety is of utmost importance.
- ☐ **C** Children should be educated about seat belt laws.
- ☐ **D** A child's seat is included with the purchase of this car.

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- ☐ **B** Staying busy during the school year will help students better manage their time.
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- ☐ A www.scholarshipsforsports.com
- ☐ B www.academicsscholarships.edu
- ☐ C www.freeschoolmoney.net
- ☐ D www.grantsforcollege.gov



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A university is evaluating the number of scholarships given for each extracurricular activity in order to make a presentation to the alumni organization. Which graphic would best represent the information for the presentation?

- ☐ **A** a tally chart showing the results of a survey about students’ extracurricular activities
- ☐ **B** a line graph showing an increase in the number of scholarships awarded in the past decade
- ☐ **C** a pie chart showing the number of scholarships given in sports, academics, and the arts
- ☐ **D** a graphic organizer showing the different types of extracurricular activities available at the college



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James is writing a research paper on the benefits of extracurricular activities. Which Web site would provide the most accurate and valid information?

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- ☐ **C** www.keepschoolfun.com
- ☐ **D** www.wellroundededucation.org



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How is the subject treated differently in the speech than in the newspaper article?

- ☐ **A** The speech focuses on the student point of view, whereas the article quotes a college official.
- ☐ **B** The speech generalizes about the topic, whereas the article discusses a specific case.
- ☐ **C** The speech is persuasive, whereas the article is informative.
- ☐ **D** The speech states opinions, whereas the article relates facts.



Read this paragraph.

Gardening is a relaxing activity that has many mental and physical benefits. Many gardeners enjoy the experience of being outdoors in the sunshine and fresh air. Gardening provides a sense of accomplishment and reward in exchange for hard work. People who spend only thirty minutes per day gardening burn hundreds of calories and have lower blood pressures.

Which sentence gives implied evidence that gardening is beneficial to one's health?

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Read this excerpt from a student's campaign speech.

I assure you that if you choose to elect me as your student body president, I will make it my mission to improve our school. I intend to work hard in order to accomplish all of my goals, and I will listen to suggestions and criticism without complaint. Honestly, what more could the school ask for in a student body president?

Which device does the speaker use?

- ☐ **A** parallelism and repetition
- ☐ **B** rhetorical question
- ☐ **C** hyperbole
- ☐ **D** metaphor

While giving a speech, a student realizes the audience is losing interest. What method would be most effective to engage the audience?

- ☐ **A** Use dramatic hand gestures.
- ☐ **B** Speak with more inflection.
- ☐ **C** Read from prepared notes.
- ☐ **D** Add a visual presentation.

Which argument employs deductive reasoning?

- ☐ **A** Carol likes to sing. Carol's school has a choir club. Therefore, Carol will join the choir club.
- ☐ **B** Most cats have long tails. Dominick has a pet cat. Therefore, Dominick's cat has a long tail.
- ☐ **C** Roger plays baseball on the weekends. Jared likes baseball. Therefore, Roger and Jared will become friends.
- ☐ **D** Some vegetables are green. Marissa dislikes green vegetables. Therefore, Marissa will refuse to eat vegetables.

Read the paragraph.

Please have your parents review and sign the emergency card that we sent home yesterday. It is extremely important that you return the card by Friday. We must have the correct information to contact your parent or guardian in case of an emergency.

Choose the appropriate medium for this message.

- ☐ **A** the school newspaper
- ☐ **B** a daily announcement
- ☐ **C** the district home page
- ☐ **D** a schoolwide assembly

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Read these sentences from the story.

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Which revision **best** combines the sentences?

- ☐ **A** Life seemed so easy for him because people liked him and were naturally attracted to him and they always invited him to their social gatherings.
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with other people, except when he went to work at the general store. Although he did not contribute to the conversations, he often listened politely to the chatter of the customers. Jim had little time for fun in his life. His family always emphasized the importance of persistence and hard work. Since they did not have money to spare, a good work ethic and intelligence were key to a successful life.

In other words, Jim struggled quite a bit through his life. While he watched the other children his age riding in cars, laughing, talking, and generally having carefree fun, he worked and went to school. He stayed up late to finish his assignments while others went to the dance. He wanted to enjoy life, too! However, sometimes life does not treat everyone equally.

As time went on, both boys graduated from high school and went to college. One continued to work hard and make decent grades, while the other floated through college. Eventually, the truth catches up to those who have squandered their good fortune. William felt assured that he was destined to take over his family's business. He never saw the purpose of working hard or learning about the business he assumed he would inherit. He always thought that there would be plenty of time to do those things and, after all, someone would always be there to help him. His family would never pass him over and allow a complete stranger to run the business that had been in his family for decades! He felt confident that his future would be as easy as his past.

Unfortunately, William's family was not as confident in his abilities and decided to hire someone more competent to take over such an important business. Jim, after all of his sacrifice, finally saw his efforts rewarded. He finally received exactly what he deserved. William's family hired Jim to work in an incredibly successful business, and he could not help but feel a little bit of satisfaction for the situation that had befallen his peer. He felt bad for William, but he also felt pleased that his own hard work had not gone unnoticed. He never wanted his classmate to suffer, but he also disliked seeing people so easily receive things that they did not deserve. So it was that both young men received what they deserved.

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Which excerpt from the story is an example of foreshadowing?

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From which point of view is the story written?

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- ☐ **B** third-person limited
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- ☐ B onomatopoeia
- ☐ C repetition
- ☐ D rhythm



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An English teacher assigns students a research project using other folk tales and myths. Which topic has the highest degree of focus?

- ☐ **A** successful heroes in myths of many cultures
- ☐ **B** the most successful characters in Latin American folk tales
- ☐ **C** morals that successful characters learn in European folk tales
- ☐ **D** three character traits that lead heroes in Greek mythology to be successful



Which sentence shows correct pronoun usage?

- ☐ **A** After the movie, you and me should go to dinner.
- ☐ **B** As for Drake and me, we enjoy many types of foods.
- ☐ **C** Because of road construction, Jacob and me took a detour.
- ☐ **D** While Patricia and me walked, we saw thousands of wildflowers.

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ **A** "Do you actually prefer the movie to the book," he questioned.
- ☐ **B** "I believe that we are going the right way." he stated.
- ☐ **C** "Are you sure this is a good idea?" she wondered.
- ☐ **D** "You do not understand" she screamed!

Read this sentence.

Excitement flowed through the crowd during the Thursday night pep rally, and I felt the _____ as the team prepared to take on its biggest rival of the season.

Which expression best completes the sentence?

- ☐ **A** *alma mater*
- ☐ **B** *esprit de corps*
- ☐ **C** *prima donna*
- ☐ **D** *caveat emptor*

Which Web site is the best choice for information about the westward movement of settlers across the United States?

- ☐ **A** www.wild-outdoors.edu
- ☐ **B** www.cowboy-colleges.net
- ☐ **C** www.westward-wagon.com
- ☐ **D** www.american-pioneers.org

Look at the photo.



Which word best describes the mood of this photo?

- ☐ **A** confused
- ☐ **B** isolated
- ☐ **C** liberated
- ☐ **D** relieved

Form 6: English 1

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
1	B	3001.5.5 Select the persuasive device (i.e., bandwagon, loaded words, testimonial, name-calling, plain folks, snob appeal, misuse of statistics).
2	B	3001.5.9 Identify a statement that reveals the writer's biases, stereotypes, assumptions, or values within a writing sample.
3	D	3001.5.10 Identify a false premise in text.
4	B	3001.5.11 Distinguish the strongest or weakest point of an argument within a passage.
5	C	3001.2.1 Identify the thesis and main points of a challenging speech.
6	C	3001.2.4 Discern the structure of a challenging speech (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
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8	C	3001.3.15 Identify the mode in which a writing sample is written.
9	C	3001.6.1 Discern the stated or implied main idea and supporting details of informational and technical passages.
10	D	3001.3.2 Choose the most effective order of sentences in a paragraph.
11	B	3001.3.9 Identify a statement that reveals the writer's attitude.
12	A	3001.3.10 Identify the targeted audience for a selected passage.
13	A	3001.4.6 Identify information that must be cited or attributed within a writing sample.
14	B	3001.2.2 Distinguish between a summary and a paraphrase.

15	B	3001.1.4 Combine a set of simple sentences into a single compound or complex sentence.
16	A	3001.1.7 Recognize correct subject-verb agreement with intervening elements.
17	A	3001.2.3 Distinguish between a critique and a summary.
18	C	3001.2.7 Select the most appropriate strategies for participating productively in a team (e.g., gaining the floor in orderly, respectful ways and listen with civility to the ideas of others; identify the needs of the team and sharing various resources to respond to those needs; establishing clear group agreements and ensuring appropriate individual contributions are respected by the team).
19	C	3001.8.13 Locate words or phrases in a passage that provide historical or cultural cues.
20	C	3001.8.2 Differentiate among verbal, situational, and dramatic irony.
21	A	3001.8.6 Identify and analyze standard literary elements (i.e., allegory, paradox, parody, foreshadowing, flashback).
22	D	3001.8.1 Identify and analyze examples of idiom, metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, or pun in poetry or prose.
23	C	3001.1.9 Select correct pronoun-antecedent agreement using collective nouns or indefinite pronouns.
24	C	3001.3.12 Identify sentences with nonparallel construction.
25	B	3001.8.9 Identify the common stated or implied theme in a series of passages.
26	C	3001.8.8 Determine the impact of setting on literary elements (i.e., plot, character, theme, tone).
27	C	3001.8.16 Analyze how form relates to meaning (e.g., compare a poem and a newspaper article on the same theme or topic).
28	B	3001.5.2 Choose a logical word to complete an analogy.

29	C	3001.5.6 Identify and analyze the logical fallacy (i.e., appeal to fear, personal attack {ad hominem}, false dilemma, false analogy) within a given argument.
30	A	3001.7.6 Infer the mood represented in a non-print medium.
31	C	3001.3.15 Identify the mode in which a writing sample is written.
32	C	3001.1.3 Use a variety of techniques to correct sentence fragments.
33	B	3001.1.8 Select correct pronoun usage in a sentence (e.g., with compound elements such as between you and me, or following than or as).
34	D	3001.1.10 Recognize the correct placement of end marks with quotation marks.
35	A	3001.1.11 Recognize the correct usage of quotation marks in direct and indirect quotations.
36	B	3001.1.13 Select the appropriate word in frequently confused pairs (i.e., to/too/two, their/there/they're, its/it's, your/you're, whose/who's, which/that/who, accept/except, affect/effect, between/among, capitol/capital, principal/principle, who/whom, stationary/stationery, allusion/illusion, complement/compliment, cite/site/sight, counsel/council, coarse/course, farther/further, lose/loose, fewer/less).
37	A	3001.1.14 Proofread a written passage for errors in punctuation and/or capitalization and/or spelling.
38	B	3001.3.6 Select the thesis statement in a writing sample or passage.
39	D	3001.3.7 Evaluate the relevance of supporting sentences by deleting an irrelevant sentence in a passage.
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42	C	3001.7.2 Select the type of conflict represented in a non-print medium.

43	C	3001.3.7 Evaluate the relevance of supporting sentences by deleting an irrelevant sentence in a passage
44	D	3001.3.8 Rearrange the order of supporting paragraphs within a writing sample given a specified organizational pattern (e.g., comparison-contrast, chronological).
45	C	3001.5.3 Evaluate text for fact and opinion.
46	D	3001.6.4 Identify the organizational structure of an informational or technical text (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
47	C	3001.1.16 Identify commonly used foreign words and phrases (i.e., RSVP, déjà vu, faux pas, du jour, bon voyage, alma mater, cum laude, femme fatale, esprit de corps, verbatim, E pluribus unum, prima donna, avant-garde, status quo, joie de vivre, carte blanche, caveat emptor, alpha and omega, tabula rasa, hoi polloi, ad nauseam).
48	B	3001.3.11 Determine the writer's purpose in a writing sample.
49	A	3001.5.4 Analyze cause-effect relationships in text.
50	D	3001.4.5 Determine which statement presents an opposing view from those stated on a Web page.
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54	C	3001.8.9 Identify the common stated or implied theme in a series of passages.
55	B	3001.7.5 Match a focused message to an appropriate medium.
56	D	3001.3.8 Rearrange the order of supporting paragraphs within a writing sample given a specified organizational pattern (e.g., comparison-contrast, chronological).

57	A	3001.3.8 Rearrange the order of supporting paragraphs within a writing sample given a specified organizational pattern (e.g., comparison-contrast, chronological).
58	D	3001.6.4 Identify the organizational structure of an informational or technical text (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
59	C	3001.8.9 Identify the common stated or implied theme in a series of passages.
60	D	3001.4.3 Evaluate the reliability and credibility of sources for use in research.
61	D	3001.4.4 Evaluate the validity of Web pages as sources of information.
62	C	3001.6.3 Determine the appropriateness of a graphic used to support an informational or technical passage.
63	A	3001.6.5 Synthesize information across two or more informational or technical texts.
64	C	3001.7.7 Consider the treatment of a particular subject or event in two or more media (e.g., newspaper and visual art, narrative and poem, diary and magazine article).
65	D	3001.5.7 Differentiate between the stated and implied evidence of a given argument.
66	B	3001.2.5 Identify rhetorical devices used in a challenging speech (i.e., rhetorical questions, parallelism and repetition, analogies, and hyperbole).
67	B	3001.2.6 Determine the most effective methods of engaging an audience during an oral presentation (e.g., making eye contact, adjusting speaking rate).
78	A	3001.5.8 Determine whether a given argument employs deductive or inductive reasoning.
79	B	3001.7.5 Match a focused message to an appropriate medium.
70	C	3001.3.5 Demonstrate the ability to combine a set of simple sentences into a longer, more interesting sentence.
71	B	3001.8.6 Identify and analyze standard literary elements (i.e., allegory, paradox, parody, foreshadowing, flashback).

72	C	3001.8.3 Identify and analyze an author's point of view (i.e., first person, third-person objective, third-person limited, third-person omniscient).
73	B	3001.8.10 Demonstrate knowledge of sound and metric devices (i.e., rhyme {internal, slant}, rhythm, repetition, alliteration, onomatopoeia).
74	B	3001.8.13 Locate words or phrases in a passage that provide historical or cultural cues.
75	D	3001.4.1 Select the research topic with the highest degree of focus.
76	B	3001.1.8 Select correct pronoun usage in a sentence (e.g., with compound elements such as between you and me, or following than or as).
77	C	3001.1.10 Recognize the correct placement of end marks with quotation marks.
78	B	3001.1.16 Identify commonly used foreign words and phrases (i.e., RSVP, déjà vu, faux pas, du jour, bon voyage, alma mater, cum laude, femme fatale, esprit de corps, verbatim, E pluribus unum, prima donna, avant-garde, status quo, joie de vivre, carte blanche, caveat emptor, alpha and omega, tabula rasa, hoi polloi, ad nauseam).
79	D	3001.4.4 Evaluate the validity of Web pages as sources of information.
80	B	3001.7.6 Infer the mood represented in a non-print medium.

Reporting Category 1: Language

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
15	B	3001.1.4 Combine a set of simple sentences into a single compound or complex sentence.
16	A	3001.1.7 Recognize correct subject-verb agreement with intervening elements.
23	C	3001.1.9 Select correct pronoun-antecedent agreement using collective nouns or indefinite pronouns.
32	C	3001.1.3 Use a variety of techniques to correct sentence fragments.
33	B	3001.1.8 Select correct pronoun usage in a sentence (e.g., with compound elements such as between you and me, or following than or as).
34	D	3001.1.10 Recognize the correct placement of end marks with quotation marks.
35	A	3001.1.11 Recognize the correct usage of quotation marks in direct and indirect quotations.
36	B	3001.1.13 Select the appropriate word in frequently confused pairs (i.e., to/too/two, their/there/they're, its/it's, your/you're, whose/who's, which/that/who, accept/except, affect/effect, between/among, capitol/capital, principal/principle, who/whom, stationary/stationery, allusion/illusion, complement/compliment, cite/site/sight, counsel/council, coarse/course, farther/further, lose/loose, fewer/less).
37	A	3001.1.14 Proofread a written passage for errors in punctuation and/or capitalization and/or spelling.
47	C	3001.1.16 Identify commonly used foreign words and phrases (i.e., RSVP, déjà vu, faux pas, du jour, bon voyage, alma mater, cum laude, femme fatale, esprit de corps, verbatim, E pluribus unum, prima donna, avant-garde, status quo, joie de vivre, carte blanche, caveat emptor, alpha and omega, tabula rasa, hoi polloi, ad nauseam).
76	B	3001.1.8 Select correct pronoun usage in a sentence (e.g., with compound elements such as between you and me, or following than or as).
77	C	3001.1.10 Recognize the correct placement of end marks with quotation marks.

78	B	3001.1.16 Identify commonly used foreign words and phrases (i.e., RSVP, déjà vu, faux pas, du jour, bon voyage, alma mater, cum laude, femme fatale, esprit de corps, verbatim, E pluribus unum, prima donna, avant-garde, status quo, joie de vivre, carte blanche, caveat emptor, alpha and omega, tabula rasa, hoi polloi, ad nauseam).
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Reporting Category 2: Writing and Research

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
8	C	3001.3.15 Identify the mode in which a writing sample is written.
10	D	3001.3.2 Choose the most effective order of sentences in a paragraph.
11	B	3001.3.9 Identify a statement that reveals the writer's attitude.
12	A	3001.3.10 Identify the targeted audience for a selected passage.
13	A	3001.4.6 Identify information that must be cited or attributed within a writing sample.
24	C	3001.3.12 Identify sentences with nonparallel construction.
31	C	3001.3.15 Identify the mode in which a writing sample is written.
38	B	3001.3.6 Select the thesis statement in a writing sample or passage.
39	D	3001.3.7 Evaluate the relevance of supporting sentences by deleting an irrelevant sentence in a passage.
43	C	3001.3.7 Evaluate the relevance of supporting sentences by deleting an irrelevant sentence in a passage
44	D	3001.3.8 Rearrange the order of supporting paragraphs within a writing sample given a specified organizational pattern (e.g., comparison-contrast, chronological).
48	B	3001.3.11 Determine the writer's purpose in a writing sample.
50	D	3001.4.5 Determine which statement presents an opposing view from those stated on a Web page.
51	C	3001.4.6 Identify information that must be cited or attributed within a writing sample.
56	D	3001.3.8 Rearrange the order of supporting paragraphs within a writing sample given a specified organizational pattern (e.g., comparison-contrast, chronological).

57	A	3001.3.8 Rearrange the order of supporting paragraphs within a writing sample given a specified organizational pattern (e.g., comparison-contrast, chronological).
60	D	3001.4.3 Evaluate the reliability and credibility of sources for use in research.
61	D	3001.4.4 Evaluate the validity of Web pages as sources of information.
70	C	3001.3.5 Demonstrate the ability to combine a set of simple sentences into a longer, more interesting sentence.
75	D	3001.4.1 Select the research topic with the highest degree of focus.
79	D	3001.4.4 Evaluate the validity of Web pages as sources of information.

Reporting Category 3: Communication and Media

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
5	C	3001.2.1 Identify the thesis and main points of a challenging speech.
6	C	3001.2.4 Discern the structure of a challenging speech (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
7	B	3001.2.5 Identify rhetorical devices used in a challenging speech (i.e., rhetorical questions, parallelism and repetition, analogies, and hyperbole).
14	B	3001.2.2 Distinguish between a summary and a paraphrase.
17	A	3001.2.3 Distinguish between a critique and a summary.
18	C	3001.2.7 Select the most appropriate strategies for participating productively in a team (e.g., gaining the floor in orderly, respectful ways and listen with civility to the ideas of others; identify the needs of the team and sharing various resources to respond to those needs; establishing clear group agreements and ensuring appropriate individual contributions are respected by the team).
30	A	3001.7.6 Infer the mood represented in a non-print medium.
41	A	3001.2.6 Determine the most effective methods of engaging an audience during an oral presentation (e.g., making eye contact, adjusting speaking rate).
42	C	3001.7.2 Select the type of conflict represented in a non-print medium.
55	B	3001.7.5 Match a focused message to an appropriate medium.
64	C	3001.7.7 Consider the treatment of a particular subject or event in two or more media (e.g., newspaper and visual art, narrative and poem, diary and magazine article).
66	B	3001.2.5 Identify rhetorical devices used in a challenging speech (i.e., rhetorical questions, parallelism and repetition, analogies, and hyperbole).
67	B	3001.2.6 Determine the most effective methods of engaging an audience during an oral presentation (e.g., making eye contact, adjusting speaking rate).

79	B	3001.7.5 Match a focused message to an appropriate medium.
80	B	3001.7.6 Infer the mood represented in a non-print medium.

Reporting Category 4: Logic

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
1	B	3001.5.5 Select the persuasive device (i.e., bandwagon, loaded words, testimonial, name-calling, plain folks, snob appeal, misuse of statistics).
2	B	3001.5.9 Identify a statement that reveals the writer's biases, stereotypes, assumptions, or values within a writing sample.
3	D	3001.5.10 Identify a false premise in text.
4	B	3001.5.11 Distinguish the strongest or weakest point of an argument within a passage.
28	B	3001.5.2 Choose a logical word to complete an analogy.
29	C	3001.5.6 Identify and analyze the logical fallacy (i.e., appeal to fear, personal attack {ad hominem}, false dilemma, false analogy) within a given argument.
45	C	3001.5.3 Evaluate text for fact and opinion.
49	A	3001.5.4 Analyze cause-effect relationships in text.
65	D	3001.5.7 Differentiate between the stated and implied evidence of a given argument.
78	A	3001.5.8 Determine whether a given argument employs deductive or inductive reasoning.

Reporting Category 5: Informational Text

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
9	C	3001.6.1 Discern the stated or implied main idea and supporting details of informational and technical passages.
46	D	3001.6.4 Identify the organizational structure of an informational or technical text (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
58	D	3001.6.4 Identify the organizational structure of an informational or technical text (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
62	C	3001.6.3 Determine the appropriateness of a graphic used to support an informational or technical passage.
63	A	3001.6.5 Synthesize information across two or more informational or technical texts.

Reporting Category 6: Literature

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
19	C	3001.8.13 Locate words or phrases in a passage that provide historical or cultural cues.
20	C	3001.8.2 Differentiate among verbal, situational, and dramatic irony.
21	A	3001.8.6 Identify and analyze standard literary elements (i.e., allegory, paradox, parody, foreshadowing, flashback).
22	D	3001.8.1 Identify and analyze examples of idiom, metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, or pun in poetry or prose.
25	B	3001.8.9 Identify the common stated or implied theme in a series of passages.
26	C	3001.8.8 Determine the impact of setting on literary elements (i.e., plot, character, theme, tone).
27	C	3001.8.16 Analyze how form relates to meaning (e.g., compare a poem and a newspaper article on the same theme or topic).
40	D	3001.8.6 Identify and analyze standard literary elements (i.e., allegory, paradox, parody, foreshadowing, flashback).
52	C	3001.8.2 Differentiate among verbal, situational, and dramatic irony.
53	D	3001.8.4 Identify and analyze how the author reveals character (i.e., what the author tells us, what the other characters say about him or her, what the character does, what the character says, what the character thinks).
54	C	3001.8.9 Identify the common stated or implied theme in a series of passages.
59	C	3001.8.9 Identify the common stated or implied theme in a series of passages.
71	B	3001.8.6 Identify and analyze standard literary elements (i.e., allegory, paradox, parody, foreshadowing, flashback).

72	C	3001.8.3 Identify and analyze an author's point of view (i.e., first person, third-person objective, third-person limited, third-person omniscient).
73	B	3001.8.10 Demonstrate knowledge of sound and metric devices (i.e., rhyme {internal, slant}, rhythm, repetition, alliteration, onomatopoeia).
74	B	3001.8.13 Locate words or phrases in a passage that provide historical or cultural cues.